Bloomington MAC Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Present

Jacqueline Cox Lynda Gonzalez Betty Gosney Mike Koss Adrian McDaniel Eric Scott

Absent

Greg Ware

Minutes

Council Member Gonzalez moved to approve the minutes from the December meeting. Council Member Gosney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

New Business

Presentation by Bloomington Recycling, Inc. - Conditional Use Permit Application

Bloomington Recycling Center, Inc. is located at 18412 Valley Blvd.

Presenter: Anthony Cooks, Project Manager

Bloomington Recycling accepts recyclable metals and pays patrons for those items per California state regulations. Mr. Cooks advocated for the importance of recycling materials in an effort to increase diversion from local landfills.

Mr. Cooks opened the floor to comments and questions from the public. Several neighboring businesses reported increased incidents of metal theft following the opening of Bloomington Recycling. Several individuals described specific items that were stolen and later recovered at Bloomington Recycling; one individual stated that he had to purchase his stolen item from Bloomington Recycling in order to retrieve it.

In response to questions regarding security and theft Mr. Cooks stated that every patron who sells material to Bloomington Recycling must present a valid California ID. Their information is logged into a database that records the items received. Mr. Cooks indicated that if they suspect that an item may be stolen they purchase the item and inform local law enforcement. He reiterated that Bloomington Recycling is working with the County Sheriff's Dept. in response to metal theft.

At the conclusion of Mr. Cooks' presentation Chairman Scott opened the floor to questions and comments from the MAC.

Council Member McDaniel thanked the residents and business owners for attending and voicing their opinions on this important issue. He stated that in his opinion there appears to be more community opposition to the project than support for the project.

Council Member Gonzalez referenced her experience with the Planning Dept. as a small business owner. She was required to make all necessary improvements to the property prior to opening her business.

Council Member Koss stated that he believes metal theft is the result of the increasing price of metal and not the recycling centers.

Chairman Scott agreed with Council Member Koss stating that the price of metal is what fuels metal theft, not the recyclers.

Council Member Gosney expressed her concern with the location of the business in proximity to residential properties. She indicated that she did not believe it is an appropriate location for this type of business.

Council Member Gosney moved that the MAC recommend denial of the Bloomington Recycling CUP application – Council Member Cox seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4-2 with Council Members Gosney, Cox, McDaniel, and Gonzalez voting for the motion; Council Members Koss and Scott voted in opposition.

The Bloomington MAC recommends that the Planning Commission deny the CUP application for Bloomington Recycling.

Staff Reports

California Highway Patrol - Officer Joe Ramos

Officer Ramos was unable to attend the meeting

To report traffic complaint to the CHP residents may call the CHP front desk officer at (909) 383-4247.

Field Representative-Dan Flores

- Mr. Flores addressed the importance of community involvement, and reminded community members that their feelings and concerns are important.
- Community Clean up for Bloomington is scheduled for March 1, 2008.
- Anti-illegal dumping surveillance cameras are in use in Bloomington. Code Enforcement has targeted several locations in hopes of deterring and/or catching illegal dumpers.

Sheriff's Dept. - Captain Steve Kovensky

Captain Kovensky asked residents to inform him of issues in the community that they feel are not being resolved by officers. Captain Kovensky answered questions from the public.

The Fontana Sheriff's Station is responsible for serving the unincorporated community of Bloomington. For nonemergency calls and/or information residents should contact the station at (909) 356-6767. For emergencies call 911.

Special Districts – Tim Millington

Phase 3 for the Ballpark renovation is underway; completion date is March 19, 2008. All lights will be installed.

Old Business

- A. Questions and topics for the Riverside Ave./1-10 Improvement Project Workshop
 - Lynda Gonzalez requested a traffic mitigation map.
 - Fire concerns & Sheriff Department
 - Traffic

- Communications Department
- SANBAG
- School District (Transportation Department)

Items for Upcoming Meetings

Lynda Gonzalez- Concerned about potholes on Locust Avenue (Slover towards Rubidoux). Would like Public Works to attend a MAC meeting regarding the potholes.

Member Reports

Jacqueline Cox

None

Lynda Gonzalez

Thanked the Recyclers for the presentation and wished them well.

Betty Gosney

Thanked everyone for attending and invited everyone to return for next month's meeting.

Mike Koss

None.

Adrian McDaniel

None

Eric Scott

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Gregory Ware

Public Comments

Members of the audience are asked to pick up a request to address the MAC from the Council Secretary. There is a limit of three minutes per request. The following speakers were given time to speak.

- Dave Jayne- San Bernardino Valley Riders requested assistant from the county regarding restroom facilities for SBVR events at Kessler Park.
- Bloomington Community Boosters have established a Trust Fund on behalf of Army Specialist Saul Martinez. They are asking local residents, businesses and organizations for donations. All money received will directly support Mr. Martinez.

For more information please contact:

Bloomington Community Boosters, P.O. Box 242, Bloomington, CA 92316

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The next MAC meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2008 at 7p.m.

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